

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2007. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

I. Summary of Examiner's Rejections

Claims 1-17 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6. The Office Action did not acknowledge claims 7-17 added in the Preliminary Amendment mailed July 6, 2004 and received by OIPE July 12, 2004.

Claims 1-6 were provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory double patenting over claim 1 of co-pending Application No. 10/786,743.

Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chan (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0028364 A1).

II. Summary of Applicant's Response

The present Reply cancels claims 2-7, 11, and 13-14, amends claims 1, 8-10, 12, and 15-17, and adds new claims 18-21, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1, 8-10, 12, and 15-21. A Terminal Disclaimer is attached to overcome the rejection for non-statutory double patenting. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

III. Response to Rejections

The claims were amended to better define embodiments of applicant's invention.

Claim 1 (as amended) states:

A system for extending online help, comprising:

a help system that processes documentation content upon import of an integrated development environment extension, wherein the help system includes context-sensitive help topics; and

a help display, wherein search capabilities and table of contents are automatically updated after the integrated development environment extension is imported.

Claim 1 defines a system for extending online help capabilities when an integrated development environment is extended. Existing search capabilities and the table of contents are updated to cover the new features in the new integrated development environment extension.

While Chan paragraph 5 mentions the general concept of context-sensitive help for an integrated development environment, Chan paragraph 5 does not disclose automatically extending the online help capabilities to cover new features when the integrated development environment is extended.

Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiment as defined in Independent Claim 1 is neither anticipated by nor obvious in view of Chan. Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection to claim 1 be withdrawn. Dependent Claims 8-10, 12, and 15-21 depend from Claim 1. For at least the reasons discussed above with regards to Claim 1, dependent Claims 8-10, 12, and 15-21 are also patentable. Dependent claims 8-10, 12, and 15-21 add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right.

IV. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The

Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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